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What's Happening at the Library?

Time sure does fly! It is officially summer. We've got a lot planned for activities this month at the Kuskokwim Consortium Library so buckle up and get ready for some fun!

Saturday, June 1 at 11 a.m. we have a Youth Cooking class for 8 to 24 year olds. Learn how to make pasta and meatballs and enjoy a filling lunch! You must sign up ahead of time as space is limited.

Toddler Time is on Mondays, June 3 and 17 at 11 a.m.! This is a time for kiddos to learn, play and make friends. Meet the library at the 4-H park for a grand old time.

Want to learn how to make your own skincare products using items you probably have in your kitchen? Join the library for our Kitchen to Cosmetics program on Friday, June 7 at 6 p.m. This program is for adults only.

Join the library and TAAV for a Pride Celebration on Saturday June 8th.

- 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Decorate Signs for the Pride Walk
- 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Pride Walk Starting at Cultural Center with Community speakers.
- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Lunch and Community Celebration at Lion's Club park.

Tuesday June 11th starting at 12 p.m. in Room 118 at KuC is a Brown Bag Lunch with TWC's Taylor Feightner who will be presenting the basics of ally ship and info on the queer community.

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Calling all fantasy and game enthusiastic teens for a TAAV and Library collaboration of Dungeons and Dragons. Join us for a campaign Fridays, June 7, 14, and 21 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the library.

Home is Where the Art is Adult painting is on Saturday June 22 at 5 p.m. in the Cultural Center. Pre-registration is required.

Join the library and TAAV for a Teen Movie Night featuring "Dungeons and Dragons: Honor Among Thieves" at 6 p.m. on Thursday June 20. Stop by for a movie and some free popcorn. This movie is rated PG13.

On June 21st, aka the Summer Solstice, join the library for a Midnight Kayaking Program starting at 10 p.m. Space is limited- pre-registration is required.

Want to learn a new skill? Join the library for our Kids Learn to Sew program June 22nd from 12 to 2 p.m. Learn the basics of hand sewing and machine sewing.

For any questions or to sign up for a program, give us a call at 907-543-4516.

JUNE CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Library Closed	3 Toddler Time 11 a.m. at 4H Playground	4	5	6	7 Kitchen to Cosmetics (For Adults) at 6 p.m. Teen D&D with TAAV at 6:30 p.m.	1 Basic Youth Cooking Class at 11 a.m. *Pre-Registration Required 8 Pride Month Celebration Poster making, Pride March, Community Celebration 10 to 1:30
9 Library Closed	10	11 Brown Bag Lunch: Safe Zone LGBTQIA2S+ Education and Info session at KUC room 118 from 12 to 1 p.m.	12	13	14 Teen D&D with TAAV at 6:30 p.m.	15
16 Library Closed	17 Toddler Time 11 a.m. at 4H Playground	18	19	20 Teen Movie Night with TAAV (PG 13) at 6 p.m.	21 Teen D&D with TAAV at 6:30 p.m. Midnight Kayaking (For Adults) starting at 10 p.m. *Pre-Registration Required	22 Kids Learn to Sew at 12 p.m. Home is Where the Art is: Adult Painting Class at 5 p.m. *Pre-Registration Required
23 Library Closed	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 Library Closed	1	2	3	4	5	6

Library Closed

Pride Month Recs:

from your friendly neighborhood queer

By: Taylor Feightner, TWC Youth Services Manager

As a queer adult who grew up with limited access to stories that represented me, I have come to find immense joy in exploring the ever-expanding world of LGBTQIA+ literature! Here are a few of my favorites that provide representation and allow anyone to see the world through diverse perspectives. Whether you're looking for romance, adventure, personal narratives, or fantastical worlds, these LGBTQIA+ books have something to offer every reader!

"The House in the Cerulean Sea" by TJ Klune

This contemporary fantasy novel has won hearts with its whimsical, heartwarming tale. The story follows Linus Baker, a caseworker for the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, who is sent to a mysterious orphanage housing magical children. Linus's journey to acceptance and love, particularly through his relationship with the charming Arthur Parnassus, is touching and uplifting.

"In Other Lands" by Sarah Rees Brennan

This witty and charming novel follows Elliot, a misfit in our world and the magical realm he discovers. As he navigates this new land, he finds friendship, love, and a place where he truly belongs. The book is celebrated for its humor, unique take on fantasy tropes, and exploration of Elliot's bisexuality and relationships.

"Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic" by Alison Bechdel

A groundbreaking graphic memoir, "Fun Home" depicts Bechdel's relationship with her father, her coming out as a lesbian, and her journey to understand her father's closeted homosexuality. The intricate illustrations and candid storytelling make it a profound exploration of family, identity, and self-discovery.

"Gender Queer: A Memoir" by Maia Kobabe

This graphic novel memoir chronicles Kobabe's path to understanding eir nonbinary and asexual identity. The book is celebrated for its honest and accessible portrayal of the complexities of gender and sexuality, making it a valuable resource for those exploring their own identities or seeking to understand the experiences of others.

"Melissa" by Alex Gino

This groundbreaking novel, originally published as "George," tells the story of a transgender girl named Melissa who is determined to play Charlotte in her school's production of "Charlotte's Web." Through Melissa's journey, the novel explores themes of identity, acceptance, and the courage to be oneself. It's an essential read for young adults that fosters empathy and understanding.

"Felix Ever After" by Kacen Callender

This heartfelt novel follows Felix Love, a Black, queer, transgender teen, as he navigates love, identity, and self-discovery. After being targeted by a transphobic attack, Felix embarks on a journey to find the culprit and, along the way, learns about self-love and acceptance. The novel is celebrated for its authentic and nuanced portrayal of a transgender protagonist.

"Silver Nitrate" by Silvia Moreno-Garcia

This supernatural thriller from the author of "Mexican Gothic" intertwines the world of Mexican horror films with a gripping tale of magic and curses. The story follows Montserrat and Tristán, two friends who discover a cursed film reel that brings dangerous forces to life. The book deftly explores themes of ambition, friendship, and the lingering impacts of the past, while incorporating a strong LGBTQIA+ narrative.

Happy Pride Month and happy reading, friends!

Summer Reading Update

Summer Reading is in full swing! Keep reading and logging those pages for some excellent prizes. For every 50 pages that you read you will receive one raffle ticket to put towards prizes of your choosing. The more you read, the more likely you are to win that super special prize. While summer reading is a challenge for the individual reader, we do give out trophies to the top readers of each age group and the overall most read reader. This is your chance to compete with your peers through a love of reading! You can sign up at any time and start logging pages as far back as May 17th. Keep up the great work Bethel!



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Log Pages
Here



Alaska Room Goes Digital!



Our Adult Services Coordinator and resident Jesuit Volunteer Ian has begun work on an exciting new project for the benefit of new Bethel residents. As part of an ongoing project to create an online guide to the Alaska Room, Ian is including a section dedicated to helping new residents of Bethel find their footing. This new guide would serve as a one stop digital list of library materials pertaining to the history, culture, and challenges of Bethel, making it easier for newcomers to understand their new home! Please feel free to contact Ian at his email, ijpoole@alaska.edu if you have any suggestions for books or other resources that you think would be beneficial for someone moving to Bethel for the first time!

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MONDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

TUESDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

THURSDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

FRIDAY

11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

SATURDAY

11 A.M. - 4 P.M.

SUNDAY

CLOSED